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UNIT FOR CONTINUOUSLY
VARIABLE TRANSMISSION

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NOTIFICATION OF IMPROPER
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37 CFR 1.501

The prior art citation filed under 37 CFR 1.501 on July 18, 2007 is hereby acknowledged to have been received and reviewed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The requirements for a proper prior art citation under 37 CFR 1.501 are as follows:

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